

# THE BEAT

## Traffic Plan Addresses Youth Driver Safety

It will be a busy year for Howard County officers on the roadways this year, as the 2005 Strategic Traffic Enforcement Plan kicks off this month. As always, the plan focuses on high priority issues such as speed enforcement, impaired driving and seat belt use. But due to recent traffic tragedies involving young drivers throughout the region, this year's plan also focuses heavily on youth driving initiatives.

Last year, nearly 30 percent of the people killed in fatal accidents handled by the HCPD were between the ages of 16 and 20. This age group is at the highest risk for a fatal crash, according to the Maryland State Highway Administration. In Howard County, 80 percent of those deadly crashes involving youth were speed related.

In recent weeks, concerned county officials, including representatives from the police department, the school system and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), met to discuss ways to encourage safer driving among teens. The new group, called "Safe Schools—Teen Driver Safety Committee," proposed ideas that would combine the resources of police and local high schools to better educate teens about safe driving.

"Teen deaths on the road have been of great concern in our area in recent months," said Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay. "Overall, we see more people die in Howard County from traffic collisions than homicides. By working with the schools, we hope to reach new drivers early and give them the information and guidance they need to help keep them safe."

Experts from the HCPD's Traffic Enforcement Section will participate in various meetings and events throughout the year to offer input on traffic-related issues. Officers also will attend meetings of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) to give presentations about traffic safety and other issues affecting young drivers.

The department will join with the high schools to launch a new "Arrive Alive" program. The program will involve a display of photos, statistics and other information about fatal collisions in the county in the hope of increasing awareness among teen drivers.

Throughout the year, the department will invite students, parents and school officials to attend DUI checkpoints. Those who participate will get a first-hand look at the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The police department also will continue its participation in the "You Are Responsible" program, which addresses the negative effects of alcohol and drugs. The program is targeted at young people who have been charged with drinking, drug use or DUI.

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### Howard County Department of Police *Mission Statement*

It is the mission of the Howard County Department of Police to provide a sense of security for the people by protecting life and property, reducing the opportunity for crime and disorder, enforcing the law, assisting victims and providing other police-related services as required by the community in a manner consistent with the values of a free society. The Department embraces the tradition that the police are the public and the public are the police—the police being members of the public who devote full-time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen.

## Message from the Chief by Police Chief G. Wayne Livesay

Over the last few months, we have all been saddened to hear about youth driver fatalities in Howard County and across the region. In our county alone, we lost four drivers under the age of 21 between late June and the end of the year. When you combine our youth fatalities with those in neighboring jurisdictions, like Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, the numbers become of great concern.

We all know that speeding is nothing new for young drivers. When inexperience, poor judgment, and sometimes alcohol or drugs are added to the equation, it can make driving a very dangerous undertaking for young people and their passengers.

That's why I asked our Special Operations Bureau to really focus on youth driver safety in this year's Traffic Plan (*see pg. 1*). With more deaths caused by traffic collisions than homicides each year, we must take action to help ensure the safety of all drivers in Howard

County. But with 30 percent of our fatal collisions involving young drivers, it seems they are the group most at risk. I'm glad to be partnering with the school system to address this issue. We hope our efforts will help send the right message to young drivers about staying safe on the roads.

In another possible new initiative, we are considering creating a "cold case" unit to address unsolved homicides from years past. While our homicide closure rate remains outstanding, we want to be sure that we are leaving no stone unturned in any of our open cases.

This idea is only in the planning stages right now, but I am hopeful that it will come to fruition. We are working to address staffing needs, as well as resource and equipment requirements to ensure that the project is feasible. Keep your eye on future issues of The Beat for updates about our plans for the new unit.

## Traffic Enforcement Section Hosts Training



*Sgt. Fred von Briesen Traffic Enforcement Section Supervisor measures vehicle speeds using LASER.*

The police department's Traffic Enforcement Section (T.E.S.) is proud to announce that it will be hosting its first RADAR-LASER Instructor's School this month.

From Jan. 10-14, members from T.E.S. and Patrol will be attending classes that will certify the participants as instructors in the operation of RADAR and LASER units. This certification will benefit the police department greatly by increasing the number of certified instructors.

These new instructors will provide training for new recruits in the Academy and police officers through In-service training. Hosting the school will benefit HCPD by allowing more members to become certified at one time, rather than waiting through the year for fewer officers to get the opportunity at an off-site location.

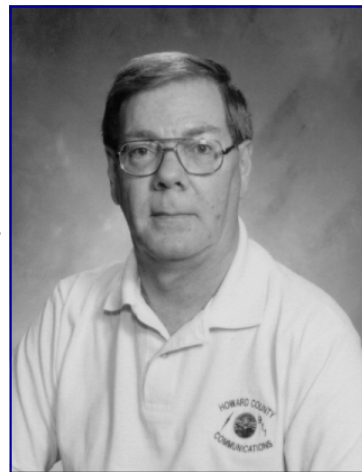
Along with seven HCPD members, 22 other police officers and sheriff's deputies representing 10 law enforcement agencies in Maryland will also attend the training. HCPD members attending the training are: Lt. Gerald Frischkorn, Sgt. Christopher Neubauer, Cpl. Joseph Gibbons, PFC Joseph Gallina, PFC Brandon Justice, PFC James Myers and PFC Michael Thorn, Sr.

Officers can check their In-service manuals for times throughout the year when the RADAR and LASER certification courses will be offered. *By Denise Walk and Cpl. Richard Malcolm*

## HCPD Members Recognized by County

The Howard County Employee Awards Ceremony was held on December 7. The ceremony celebrated the commitment and loyalty of many long-time employees and recognized their significant contributions, creativity and resourcefulness.

The Howard County Police Department boasted several employees who were recognized at the ceremony. Richard "Dick" Jordan was honored for his 35 years of service. For this prestigious award, County Executive James N. Robey proclaimed December 9, 2004 "Dick Jordan Day" in Howard County.



*Dick Jordan, of the Communications Division, was honored for 35 years of service.*



*K. Denise Eakle, of the Criminal Investigations Bureau, received the county's Unsung Hero Award.*

K. Denise Eakle was honored with the county's Unsung Hero Award. Denise is heavily relied upon in the Property Crimes Section, serving as clerical support for nine detectives and two supervisors. She handles various tasks and in 2004 aided detectives in the recovery of thousands of dollars worth of property and the closure of numerous burglaries. Denise also contributed in a homicide investigation last year in which she linked pawned property to suspects in the case. Denise is an outstanding employee working to improve the quality of life in Howard County. She was also nominated for the coveted Employee of the Year Award.

Larry Gamber, Carl Layman, Sgt. Bradford Thomas, and Marilyn Woodland were also honored for each of their 30 years of service. For 25 years of service, awards went to DFC Donald Conrad, D-4 Janet Franks, PFC Joseph Ganascioli, Lt. Keith Lessner, Lt. Patricia Orbin, Audrey Robinson, PFC Harry Smith, Jr. and Mary Weber. Awards were given for 20 years of service, to R.C. Bartley, Sgt.

Karen Burnett, Captain Kevin Burnett, Cpl. Jeffery Ferra, Major Gary Gardner, PFC Mark Hart, PFC Martin Johnson, Lt. Mark Joyce, Sgt. John Paparazzo, Captain Sandra Regler, D-4 Michael Saunders, Lt. Karen Shinham, Sgt. Robert Wagner, Cpl. Peter Wright and Cpl. Donald Wyant. Awards also were given to a number of HCPD members for their 10 and 15 years of service.

Employee Recognition Award nominees for various categories were also honored. For the Customer Service Team Award, nominees were Communications, Squad B, in the 911 Center. For the Great Idea Award, nominees were Karen DiPietro, Sgt. Brook Donovan and Lt. Luther Johnson. Rick DeBow from the Communications Division was nominated for the Unsung Hero Award. The department extends hearty congratulations for a job well done to all of its fine employees! *By Denise Walk and PFC David Proulx*

## New Arrivals to the HCPD Family

Police Officer Stephen Cilento and his wife Christina are the proud parents of a baby boy, Andrew James, born on Dec. 6 at 7:59 p.m. Andrew weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz. Congratulations !



Just in time for the holidays, Officer Chad Myers and his wife Linda welcomed a healthy baby girl, Alexandra Frances, born Dec. 19 at 9:45 p.m. Alexandra weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz. Congratulations ! *By PFC David Proulx*

## Howard County Police Officer of the Month



### Police Officer Robert Rauch October 2004

Officer Robert Rauch was selected as the Police Officer of the Month for October 2004. He was selected because of his high degree of motivation and support for his peers and supervisors. Officer Rauch is consistently one of the top performers on his squad in quantitative work and self-initiated activity.

During a suspect interview in October, Officer Rauch obtained a confession from a suspect in an internal theft case where money was stolen over a period of time. Initially, the suspect confessed to a smaller amount of the total theft, but later confessed to stealing over \$20,000 from the business.

In a separate case, Officer Rauch stopped a vehicle for speeding and learned the driver was suspended. During a search of the vehicle, Officer Rauch recovered marijuana. The driver was arrested and charged with seri-

ous traffic and drug charges.

During another traffic stop, which was for speeding, Officer Rauch discovered that the driver had provided him with a false name in an attempt to hide his identity. Officer Rauch properly identified and arrested the suspended driver, and later found drugs in the vehicle during a search.

While responding to assist another officer on a rape investigation, Officer Rauch saw a possible suspect in the rape, riding a bicycle. Officer Rauch stopped and began talking with the suspect. He established a rapport with the suspect which lead to questioning the suspect on the rape incident. The suspect at first denied any involvement, but after further questioning, enough information was obtained from the suspect to warrant an arrest at the scene.

During the month of October, Officer Rauch handled 146 calls for service, enforced 118 traffic violations and made significant case closures.

Officer Rauch consistently demonstrates investigative skill and awareness while on patrol. His interview skills have enabled quick closures to cases and he shows a commitment to thorough investigations of traffic stops and contacts. *By Cpl. Richard Malcolm*

### Traffic Plan, *continued from page 1*

The new committee is considering other ways to better educate teens about safe driving through the schools. While no plan has been finalized, the committee is researching possible ways to talk with students and their parents about traffic safety.

This month, an HCPD school resource officer and two county high school students were appointed to the Howard County Traffic Advisory Group for Safety (TAGS). As members of this group, these three will share information and provide input on how proposed traffic safety initiatives will impact young drivers.

In addition to addressing teen driver issues, the new HCPD Traffic Plan also focuses on general traffic safety concerns. The department will continue to take aggressive speed enforcement measures throughout 2005. Nearly half of all fatal accidents in the county—

youth and adult—are a direct result of speeding.

The plan also addresses impaired driver enforcement measures, including DUI checkpoints, saturation patrols, holiday traffic details and undercover alcohol compliance checks in the county.

Seat belt and child safety seat use remain high priority issues for the agency. According to recent federal government statistics, 73 percent of the people who were involved in fatal crashes and were restrained, survived. The police department will continue its efforts in this area through the state and national Chiefs' Challenge seat belt programs, as well as the annual "Click It or Ticket" initiative.

The 2005 Traffic Plan also includes programs to address aggressive driving, pedestrian and bicycle safety and school bus safety throughout the year.

*By Sherry Llewellyn*



## HCPD to Participate in Presidential Inauguration



On Jan. 20, the Howard County Police Department will participate in the Presidential Inauguration of George W. Bush and Vice President Richard B. Cheney.

Commemorating the Inauguration, a special edition Howard County Inauguration Badge has been created and can be worn by Howard County police officers from Jan. 1-31.

The department is sending 35 officers from the Civil Disturbance Unit to the Inauguration, as well as members of the Special Operations Tactical Section. Officers in this unit are specially trained in large scale civil disturbance and crowd control tactics. This will be the fourth event the C.D.U. has attended in Washington, D.C since being formed in 2002.

This year more than 4,000 police officers from around the country will join together to provide security for the Inauguration and Inaugural Ball. Howard County officers have been assigned to Freedom Plaza Center while tactical members will provide security at the Inaugural Ball. *By PFC David Proulx*

## Training Calendar Now on the Web

Have you visited the Howard County Police Department's Web site lately? The site is growing and becoming more interactive. Recently, the Office of Public Affairs and the Education and Training Division created a new training calendar for the Web site. The page currently contains the 2005 In-Service training schedule that can be accessed via the Internet at any time.

"We hope that the page will be used by officers as a resource when scheduling and rescheduling In-Service training hours," said Cpl. Bernadette Giroux of the Education and Training Division.

The Web site is a great resource for officers and Howard County residents. An interactive crime statistics map program enables anyone with Internet access to obtain immediate crime data from specific areas in the county. Visitors can access police forms, news releases, job postings, crime bulletins, fingerprinting and ride along guidelines 24 hours a day.

The Web site is maintained and updated daily by the Office of Public Affairs and now contains 111 Web pages. In 2004, the Web site received over 71,000 visits, nearly a 200 percent increase over 2003. When surveyed, around 90 percent of new recruits said that they had learned of job postings through the department's Web site. So visit our Web site at [www.hcpd.org](http://www.hcpd.org) and see all the department has to offer. *By PFC David Proulx*

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<a href="#">HCPD Home</a> <a href="#">Chief of Police</a> <a href="#">News Room</a> <a href="#">Daily Crime Bulletin</a> <a href="#">Crime Statistics/Maps</a> <a href="#">Community Policing...</a> <a href="#">Inside HCPD...</a> <a href="#">Animal Control</a> <a href="#">Recruiting...</a> <a href="#">Red Light Camera Program</a> <a href="#">Victim Assistance Section...</a> <a href="#">False Alarm Reduction</a> <a href="#">Officer of the Month</a> <a href="#">Training Division</a> <a href="#">Fallen Heroes</a> <a href="#">Charitable Events</a> <a href="#">Forms</a>	<b>Human Resources Bureau</b> <b>Education &amp; Training Division</b> <b>Training Division</b> The Howard County Police Department's Education and Training Division has developed a catalog of training courses designed to provide career and personal enrichment for its Law Enforcement Officers. Included on this page is the 2005 In-Service Training Program Calendar to better assist Howard County Officers with the scheduling of training courses throughout the year. Mandatory courses as well as elective courses are provided in this year's calendar which is divided up by month. To sign up, reschedule or check the seat availability of a course please contact the Education and Training Division.	<b>2005 In-Service Training Program Calendar</b> <a href="#">January 2005</a> <a href="#">February 2005</a> <a href="#">March 2005</a> <a href="#">April 2005</a> <a href="#">May 2005</a> <a href="#">June 2005</a> <a href="#">July 2005</a> <a href="#">August 2005</a> <small>September 2005</small>

## New President to Lead Retired Officers' Association

The Howard County Retired Officers' Association has elected a new president. Retired Lt. Kenneth Fleischmann took over the reigns Jan. 1 from retired Lt. Tim Branning, who served as president for two years. The police department congratulates Ken and welcomes him to his new position.

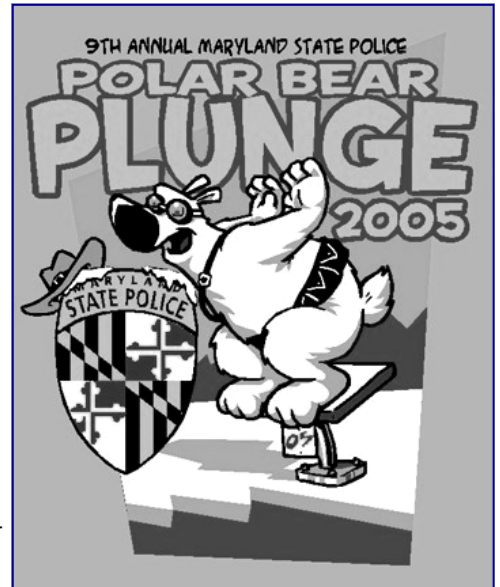
## Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics

Join your fellow officers and more than 2,500 of the most warm-hearted people in Maryland to take the "Polar Bear Plunge," Jan. 29.

The Plunge is a fundraising challenge that helps raise money for the 10,000 Special Olympics athletes who train and compete throughout the year in Maryland.

The event is sponsored by the Maryland State Police and is well-attended by HCPD representatives. Participants raise at least \$50 in pledges, don their swimsuits and brave the frigid waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Each registrant will receive a Polar Bear Plunge sweat-shirt, and complimentary lunch.

Anyone interested in participating can register on-line at [www.somd.org](http://www.somd.org). The Howard County Police bus will leave from Northern District at 10 a.m. for the Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Participating family members and friends are welcome to join the HCPD group of Plungers. For more information, contact Sgt. Mary Levy through GroupWise e-mail.



A few particularly brave HCPD representatives will be "Super Plungers" this year. Over a 24-hour period, 24 brave men and women from across the state, including Lt. John Newnan and his son Ryan, will take a total of 24 chilly dips in the Chesapeake Bay. Each Super Plunger has committed to raise \$5,000, with a goal of \$10,000 each. Their final dip will correspond with the rest of the Polar Bear Plungers.

So brave the cold weather and water for a great cause. Be a part of helping to make it a great year for Maryland's Special Olympics athletes! *By Sherry Llewellyn*

## Digital Cameras Purchased with Wal-Mart Donation



*Chief Livesay receives a donation check for digital cameras from Chris Wagner, Director of Public Relations for Wal-Mart.*

In a show of continuing support of the Howard County Police Department, Wal-Mart recently donated \$1,000 to the department's Auto Theft Unit. The donation, which was accepted by Chief G. Wayne Livesay and Major William McMahon, will be used to purchase digital cameras for the unit. The cameras will assist detectives with court preparation, surveillance details, photographing evidence and processing vehicles.

"On behalf of the Howard County Police Department and the citizens of Howard County, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donation of \$1,000," said Chief Livesay in a letter of thanks to Wal-Mart. "Because of the continued support of Howard County businesses and citizens, we are able to enjoy the quality of life expected in Howard County, and strive to keep all of our citizens safe." *By Cpl. Richard Malcolm*

## Auxiliary Officers Continue Volunteer Efforts

The Howard County Police Department's Auxiliary Officers are an invaluable resource to the Agency. These 17 volunteers provide a variety of support services to patrol officers and citizens.

In 2004, auxiliary officers handled many assignments to include DUI Checkpoints, traffic direction and area checks. They tagged or towed approximately 3,500 abandoned vehicles and issued approximately 800 parking citations. For the year, the Auxiliaries logged approximately 7,000 hours of volunteer time!

At a recent DUI Checkpoint held on December 17, six auxiliary officers worked in frigid temperatures assisting police officers and state troopers. The auxiliaries helped direct over 700 vehicles through the checkpoint and distributed information and coffee coupons to sober drivers.

Since the Auxiliary Officer Program began in 1995, these dedicated men and women have volunteered over 72,000 hours of service. To show its appreciation for such impressive work that the Auxiliaries do, the department will host its annual appreciation dinner later this month. *By Denise Walk*



*One of 17 Auxiliary officers, Herb Michael issues parking citation.*

## HCPD Members Give Back During the Holidays

Many HCPD members volunteered their time during the holidays, donating time and gifts to the communities they serve.

The 8th annual "Shop With A Cop" took place at Toys-R-Us in Columbia and 35 children were able to purchase a toy. A Bear Trax Holiday party took place at the Holiday Inn in Jessup and provided dinner, entertainment by the Baltimore Orioles Bird and gifts. The Centurions for Justice held a holiday party in Harpers Choice in Columbia providing food and clothing donations as well as gifts and entertainment for the children.

Many children had a much happier holiday season thanks to the HCPD's members and volunteers. *By PFC David Proulx*



*Top Right, Baltimore Orioles Bird entertains along with music played by Jim Hosick at Bear Trax Holiday Party. Bottom Left, Chester Olszewski of the Quartermaster Unit plays Santa at the Centurions for Justice Holiday Party. Bottom Center, Centurions for Justice and Santa's helpers pose for a picture. Bottom Right, PFC James Iacarino shares a smile and a gift during the Bear Trax Holiday Party.*

# HCPD Calendar of Events

## January 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1 Holiday</b> New Year's Day
2	<b>3</b> Low Light Qual	<b>4</b> Low Light Qual	<b>5</b> Low Light Qual	<b>6</b> Low Light Qual	7	8
9	<b>10</b> Low Light Qual	<b>11</b> Low Light Qual	<b>12</b> Low Light Qual	<b>13</b> Low Light Qual	14	15
16	<b>17 Holiday</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>18</b> Low Light Qual	<b>19</b> Low Light Qual	<b>20</b> Inauguration, Low Light Qual	21	22
23/30	<b>24/31</b> Low Light Qual/ Low Light Qual	<b>25</b> Low Light Qual	<b>26</b> Low Light Qual	<b>27</b> Low Light Qual	28	<b>29</b> Polar Bear Plunge



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